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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James M. Florence  
Serial No.: 10/053,026  
Filed: January 18, 2002  
Group No.: 2877  
Examiner: Layla G. Lauchman  
Notice of Allowance Mailed: August 27, 2004  
Confirmation No.: 2122  
Title: *Method and Apparatus for Adding or Dropping a  
Component of an Optical Signal*

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claims 2-15 and 18-25. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicant respectfully issues a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations.

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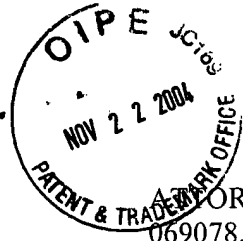
Furthermore, Applicant does not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,  
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